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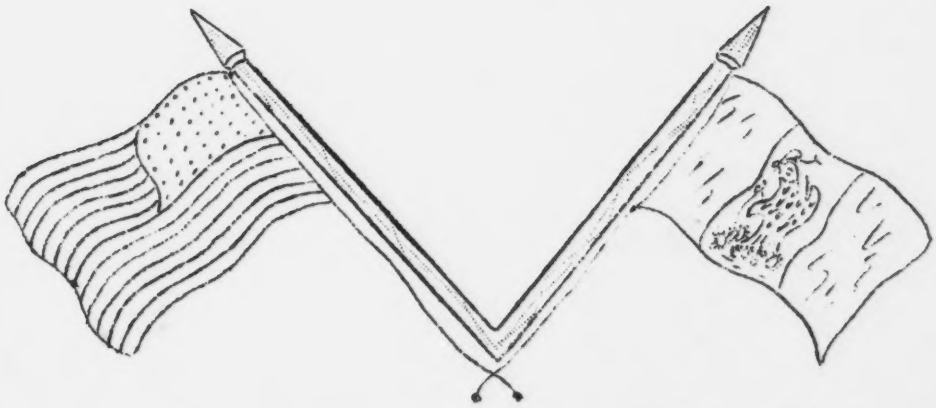

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MEXICAN CLUB WILL ENTERTAIN ON SEPT. 15TH.

The entire patient body is eagerly looking forward to the second social event to be held in our new recreation building. For this occasion, on Tuesday, September 16th, the local Mexican Club will be hosts, entertaining with a grand ball observing Mexican Independence Day. Baton Rouge's favorite orchestra, Kid Diamond's, will be on hand. Dancing will begin at 7 P.M., preceded by the entire assemblage singing THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER and the Mexican National Anthem. Chicken salad sandwiches, cakes and punch will be served during the evening.

This affair is an annual event in this institution when the Mexicans join with their fellow countrymen all over the world in the celebration of Diez Y seis, - Mexican Independence Day, which commemorates the liberation of Mexico from the King of Spain on September 15, 1810.

Miguel Hidalgo Y Costilla, an aged priest, rang his bell, calling his people to arms, and the next day the Independence of Mexico was signed. He has since been recognized as the Father of the Mexican Independence .

In addition to the grand ball the Mexican Club will sponsor a baseball game on Sunday, Sept. 14th, and a Spanish talking picture on Wednesday, September 17.

Congratulations to this group for planning this delightful entertainment. The Mexican Club actively participated in the recent USO drive and they are always ready to do their part in any public undertaking. We doff our sombreros to you - nuestros amigos del Club Mexico Social!

STORY OF THE CLUB

This Club was organized February 3, 1930. The idea of organizing this club was conceived by Fred Gonzales and Tony Pacheco, the main object being to promote friendliness and comradeship and to help patients in the Infirmary, also to celebrate the National holidays: the 5th of May and the 16th of September. The latter has been celebrated here since 1926.

Only patients of Mexican origin are eligible to membership in this organization. Regular meetings are held the first wednesday of each month. Election of officers takes place yearly on the first Wednesday in December. The motto of the Club is "Union and Protection."

Present officers are: Gonzalo Guerrero, President; Juan Pena, Treasurer; Antonio Pacheco, Secretary; Eugenio Herrera, Assistant to Committee.

MAUDE THOMAS MEMORIAL SCHOOL

A night school for adults will be opened about October 1st. It is planned to hold classes on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week. An instructor from the patient body will be selected and the school is open to all who are interested. This venture is sponsored by the Louisiana Department of the American Legion Auxilary.

MRS. SNELL BROADCASTS

Word comes from Kansas City, Mo., that Mrs. Nada R. Snell, National Hospital Chairman of the Disabled American Veterans, recently spoke over a radio station in Kansas City on the topic EDUCATIONAL PUBLICITY ON HANSEN'S DISEASE. Mrs. Snell's talk stressed points that were prepared by members of Marine Hospital Post 188. She reports that much interest was evidenced in the information thus disseminated to the public and it is hoped to have similar talks made in various parts of the country.

Rooms 204 and 206 in House 15 have been assigned to THE STAR for editorial office and workshop.

UNCLE SAM CALLS DR. McCREARY TO MILITARY SERVICE

Dr. and Mrs. F. D. McCreary and small daughter, Mary Alice, left on Monday, August 25th, for camp Livingston, La., where Dr. MacCreary will be stationed. Dr. MacCreary is a major in the Medical Reserve Corps and expects to spend one year or more on active duty. The McCrearys traveled in their 1941 Chevrolet to which was attached a modern Indian Trailer. Due to the shortage of housing at Camp Livingston they plan to make this trailer their home for the duration. Prior to their departure Dr. and Mrs. McCreary were honored with a number of parties. The officers of the station and their families entertained at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Faget with a delightful evening and presented the McCrearys with a handsome silver platter as a farewell token. A group of friends tendered the McCrearys a party at the L.A. Carville residence, and other affairs included a cocktail party at the Charles Claytons' and an al fresco supper with Mr. and Mrs. Benny Engels as hosts.

Dr. McCreary has been on duty here for the past nine years and has many friends among the patients who wish him well.

NEW STAFF MEMBER

Dr. C.G. Eccles is the latest addition to our resident medical staff. He comes here as Pathologist, replacing Dr. S.A. Black who has been transfered to duty in Memphis, Tenn. Dr. Eccles is a graduate of Tulane and has had wide experience as a "microbe--hunter." He was appointed as instructor of general Pathology at Tulane, doing special work under Dr. C. W. Duval and he has also completed a fellowship in general surgery. He was transfered here from the U. S. Marine Hospital, Louisville, Ky., where he was doing both surgery and pathology

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SO THEY SAY

From the current periodicals THE STAR reprints excerpts from articles which we believe to be of particular interest to our readers.

"Much has been written about 'Lovely Louisiana.' Brilliant beads of descriptive words have been strung in praise of the Evangeline Oak. Much from time to time - has been written about the National Leprosarium, but too little has been told of its beauty.

There tucked away in a mighty bend of 'Old Man River', where boats and barges may be heard in the distance, live nearly 400 men and women.

Once a mighty morass or swampy river bottom, now adequately drained, the U. S. Marine Hospital's new buildings replace the firetrap flimsy construction of yesteryears with modern steel and concrete structures.

Carville, too, has venerable oaks. Gray-haired with Spanish moss, they stand sentry at the entrance to the hospital.

The Leprosarium has beautiful architecture of dignified simplicity. The beautification program not only included gleaming white buildings that compare favorably with any modern hospital set up anywhere, but there's a slick nine-hole golf course.

There's a brand new theater where talkies take the screen and where it is hoped that walkies may tread the boards in the future.

While the infirmary holds many bed patients who are intensely interested in visitors, there are many ambulant patients who ride the same hobbies as you and you. The men garden, study, organize, agitate; while the women house--keep, cook, sew, cherish flower gardens, discuss sundry 'isms,' including behaviorism just as millions of other women all over the land.

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SO THEY SAY

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The patient body is interested in three dots and a dash. They backed The USO with $97.00 gleaned in pennies, nickles and dimes. And coming from the have-not, that is something. Many of the men want books for their library but they buy bonds from Uncle Sam, for Uncle Sam's care of the country. They are patients of rare patience.

The colony site is now lovely to look at.Over it hangs the strange beauty of quiet. There's also the remarkable beauty of river-bottom vegetation that sends flowers and foliage, vines and vegetation reaching skyward with lush semi-tropical growth and grandeur."---Mom Miller in a Shreveport daily.

Editor's Note:--Mom Miller recently visited Carville. Her stay was brief but those who met her were delighted with her sparkling wit and vibrant personality. "Mom's" hobby is collecting people who have hobbies. She pursues this purpose by traveling all over the United States, searching for people with odd hobbies. "Mom" promises to return to Carville at a future date when we hope to present her to the patient body.

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A VISIT TO A PULQUE FARM IN MEXICO

Thru the courtesy of a delightful Mexican family, to whom we had a letter of introduction, we had the opportunity of visiting a pulque farm during our trip to Mexico City last summer.

Leaving Mexico City about noon we drove to the farm, located near the pyramids in a beautiful montainous setting. The farm itself is tremendous and seems almost like a village - there are so many Indian families living there. The buildings are over 300 years old and are as

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KEEP YOUR EYES ON

THE -V-

In these days of world upheaval when there is so much suffering and need there is a tendency among patients to regret their inability to contribute either financial or physical aid. With ample time to read and listen to news and worry over it the conclusion often reached is that there is nothing that they can do to help.

This cannot be the right attitude, for no man is wholly useless in any situation. The recent "V" campaign shows each of us that there is something that can be done. We can concentrate on victory, talk victory and pray victory. It may seem like a small thing but only by everyone doing just this will our morale, so vital to our cause, be kept up.

Not only does this apply to the international situation but well may it be applied personally. The elimination of defeatist conversation, the maintenance of a cheerful atmosphere, cooperation with those around us, together with faith, not only in our God, our doctor, but also in ourselves will give us a victory over our own trouble both physical and mental. When we have won this battle we will be able to offer more to our country and our fellow men. Meanwhile let us keep our eyes on the "V".--THE CHEER-UP UPPER.

Dr. and Mrs G. H. Faget and family have returned from a month's vacation, spent in touring the Eastern States. On the homeward trip the Fagets stopped for an outing and a fishing expedition on the Gulf Coast. The Doctor reports a pleasant trip and states that he is glad to be home again among his friends.

A.N.N. PAGE'S The LADIES

The melodious sounds issuing from the Music Room these days make one wonder a bit. Could it be that a Musicale is being prepared to entertain us? Could be! Maybe a community sing for every one to join in or perhaps some Glee Club singing is planned. We are anxiously, though impatiently, waiting some news from the girls.

What is milady wearing for the dance on September 16? This is the current question these days. Shall it be another rainbow of pastel shades or will the fall colors predominate in those lovely party frocks? It has been noted that the local seamstress is very, very busy, so surely the gay senoritas will be becomingly gowned for the occasion. Senores! ladies don't tell. Wait and you shall see what the well dressed ladies of Carville wear to the fiesta.

Read "Mom" Miller's article and noted that she said the ladies here discuss behaviorism. Girls, could that be a nice way of saying: We gossip!"

Found in a recent newspaper: Look what's in the wind! Shorter Skirts!
A clarion call to American Women to "cut skirt lengths several inches" was issued today by the National Women's Undergarment Manufacturers Association. The members indicated they would cooperate by shortening undies. Just how they didn't say. This would result in a saving of at least 10% in women's dress and underwear fabrics.
Hellen Forrist Hall, Associated Press Fashion Expert, raised her eyebrows when told of the N.W.U. M.A. action. "Skirt hems", she said severely, "already are slapping at our knees. Now what?"

Local comment: We are all patriotic and want to economize, but if we shorten our skirts several more inches and send them to the local laundry, will we be wearing skirts or just blouses? How about a compromise? Put the men back in knee breeches and leave us a little skirt.

There are several groups of patients on vacations at present or recently returned from pleasant reunions with families and friends. The Florida group must have enjoyed the cool breezes of the Gulf. The Rio Grande Valley of Texas had several visitors from Carville and one patient went on a trip "a little bit South of North Carolina." These trips are a source of pleasure to us.

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THE STAR IS BORN

In presenting the initial issue of the 1941 STAR it would, perhaps, be more accurate to say THE STAR is reborn, for it was more than a decade ago that THE STAR first twinkled on the local horizon. The paper, the first patient publication of its kind, was begun in May, 1931 and continued successfully for about four years, building up a wide circulation, not only among patients and personnel, but among friends, both professional and laymen, at distant points. It is well to review the past but we are chiefly concerned with today, tomorrow and the day after.

We, the staff, some sixteen members of the patient body, have hitched our wagon to THE STAR because we sincerely believe that it will fill an important place in the life of our community. Further, that it will provide an excellent means of occupational therapy. We hope that the paper will stimulate added interest in sports and entertainment.

A prominent Public Health Official remarked, "It is unfortunate that the general public is not conversant with the real facts concerning Hansen's Disease." We plan to publish many of these facts and to contradict the mass of misinformation that is constantly published in even the best newspapers and magazines. We realize that we will reach only a small portion of the reading public but, like a pebble thrown into a pond causes ripples in an ever widening circle, our message will be carried.

This is the basis on which we begin the publication of our paper. We'll probably make mistakes, but please be patient and help us grow from swaddling clothes to long pants. We shall ever strive to inspire an attitude among the patients which will preserve that harmonious spirit without which there is no contentement.

The value of the Leprosarium depends upon the benefits which it confers on the sick within its walls, for it would seem to have little effect on the health of the community as a whole.

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fascinating as you can imagine.

We had lunch there at the farm. Here is the menu: soup, tacos of pumpkin flowers, spaghetti, enchiladas, omelet, stew, stuffed peppers, salad, vegetables, fruit (fresh and preserved) and after dinner coffee. As some people do not like to drink the water in such places, we had coca-cola, lemonade, beer and pulque on the table. We all had to, of course, try a little pulque but one sip was enough for all of us --it has a terribly strong smell of very, very over-ripe cheese, and a bitter yet sweetish taste.

After dinner we went out to see how the pulque is made. We first saw the large vats where the "agua de miel", as they call the liquid from the maguey plants, was fermenting. The vats were made of cow hide with the hair still on it. There were vats in all the different stages of fermentation, and it was really a very unappetizing sight. We were all glad we hadn't had any more than a sip! Next we went out to see the plants themselves - they are very large when they are old enough to be used for pulque. They must be 15 years old, can be used only for a few months and then are no good. The pulque itself ferments for about 12 hours, and is only drinkable for about 8 hours after it is finished. To get the liquid they cut into the heart of the plant and the excavation fills up with the "agua de miel". They draw it off with a long thing made of a gourd, sucking it by mouth. Then they have to cover the hole with a rock, as the coyotes and dogs come down from the mountain and drink it.

The pulque is carried to market in kegs strapped on the backs of burros and also in a truck like a milk-truck which comes to the farm every day.

UNCLE JIM SAYS

Lot o' folks claim they is so 'onust thay kain't mak a livin' count of strong kompitshun. Thar ain't no substitute for 'onusty but I seed a lot moor folks go on Relief an' to the porehouse 'count of laziness then I ever seed go thar 'count of 'onusty.

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U.S. Guvirment ain't a holdin' no anti-American, Hitler lovin' Kiyote in this Institootion agin ther wills, ef thay don't like what Unkul Sam is a doin' for em ---- Git out!

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Niver got riled none when Doc Jo called me a ole reprobate, hiprokrit un' pole-Kat; but we ain't hardly speeking since he kalled me Adolf Hitler! Kallin' me Hitler is karrin' a joke too fur.

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Stor-keeper tol' me thar was a hole passel o' fellers thet warn't gona git no more o' his stuff on jaw-bone after October 1, 1941 less tha pade up ther 1939 and 1940 bills. Stor-Keeper shor is hard-harted sun timez.

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Skack-Bully(Betsy) cum t' see me a few weeks back. I had most of my cussedness purty well under kiver an' we wuz a gittin' on fine, til' Doc Jo tol' her a passel O' tales on me. I'm in the dawg-house now!

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Seed a sign onct on one o' them thar "open-day and night" restaurants thet red:-

"Allee time samee-
No sleepee 'tall."

Chinks is funnie kritters.

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Wall, I gotta' bee gittin' over to th' hospital. Ef I happen t' bee a leetle mite late Doc Jo is shore t' git riled un' I ain't in no 'umor t'have no argumints with thet ole kangaroo

Yourn and so forth.

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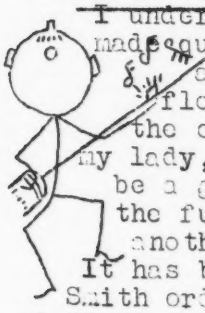
KIDDING KARVILLE

LULU BELL ON THE LOOSE



I understand that Mrs. Ella made quite a picture as she and the grape met the floor in the Cafeteria the other day. Keep that up, my lady, and you will either be a great ballet dancer in the future or you will be another Venus de Milo.

It has been suggested that Mrs. Smith order some dozens of pairs of field glasses to sell in the Canteen so the girls can get a better view of the boys on the porch of house 20 as they play Darts.

We have all heard of Public Enemy No. I. But why not take a vote here and learn who is Carville's No. I Guinea Pig? We've heard a lot about tests and all from many and it looks as though we could find a few Candidates for that position.

"GOSSIP--BEHIND YOUR BACK?

Perhaps people do eat about you. Some people eat about everybody. Hermits who hide in the hills are never victims of gossip. They offer no juicy material. But if you go places, do things and are seen about somebody's bound to comment. If it's just idle chatter about your comings and goings, ignore it. It provides harmless amusement for dull people. Don't imitate them. You, of course, have more important things on your mind. Bits and bits of gossip start out as a whisper and wind out as a shout! Now whether to take notice of such garbled talk? Make a big issue of it, and everyone's bound to think it's true and you're trying to bluster your way out. Skip the whole thing, the dark cloud may hang over you for weeks. Scotch the rumor where you can with a brief, determined denial. And give the chatterboxes less meat to sink their teeth into next time."

ADVICE TO THE LOVELORN

We are particularly fortunate in securing the services of the notorious love expert, Madame Lizzie Lump, to conduct this department. You will notice that Madame Lump speaks straight from the shoulder and does not beat around the mulberry bush. Madame Lump says:

"Romance is my biz,
So when in doubt, write
Liz."

Dear Lizzie:--Everytime I reach for the Sears' catalog my boy friend reaches for his hat. What shall I do?--Tootsie

Dear Toots:--Get another boy friend and be sure the new one doesn't have paralysis between the hand & the pocketbook.

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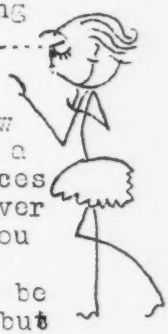
Dear Lizzie:--Every Carville boy I go out with tries to make a pass at me. What should I do about it?--Leaping Lena.

Dear Lena:--Evidently you have been playing around with the nerve type; try the anaesthetic group. Where there is no feeling there is no sense, and vice versa.



Dear Liz:--No matter how hard I try I can't keep a boy friend; even at dances they ask me once but never come back. What would you suggest?--Sloppy Sal.

Dear Sal:--You'll never be the answer to a prayer but plenty of hot water and an oversized cake of Lifebuoy will do wonders.

So long, see you next month,
Lizzie.

BUZZING AROUND WITH SPORTS

BASEBALL

Interest in baseball has always been keen here and this season that interest reached a new peak. Baseball on the local diamond has taken on a big time flavor since our new grandstand was built. The horseshoe-shaped stand has a seating capacity of about 600, with a section reserved for visitors who have been attending in large numbers. We also have a dressing room for the use of visiting players, and, according to them, we have one of the best baseball diamonds in the state.

High over the heads, from a press box on the roof, the games are announced over a modern Public Address System which also furnishes hot recordings of the latest tunes between innings. The season to date has been enlivened by nine baseball games with teams coming from distant parts of the state. The Shell Pots of Baton Rouge represent our home team. The "Pots" are considered one of the best semi-professional teams in South Louisiana and they have not lost a single game on our home grounds against such strong opposition as Baker, Wilson Nine, Gonzalez Red Socks, Gordon City Devils, and Live Oak. Three games of the season's schedule remain to be played.

On Saturday, August 30th, the Esso Club met the Norco Club in one of the season's best ball games. This was won by the Esso Club with a score of 3 to 2. The highlights of this game were two home runs hit by FRED GOURIER, 3rd baseman of the Esso team. These two clubs come here every year to give us an exhibition game. In a talk with the manager of the Esso Club, he said that there was a chance of bringing these two clubs here for another game this year. The remaining games we have scheduled will be played in September and that will bring our baseball season to a close.

SOFTBALL

Our local softball teams this year started off with a bang and we hope to break last year's record of 70 games. One team sports white trimmed in blue and is known as THE BLUES, while the other, attired in natty white and red, is called THE REDS. The teams play three times a week. We also have a team composed of the boys who are not able to make the first two teams, playing under the name of INDEPENDENTS.

Our season is well under way with 27 games already played. Of these 27 games II were won by the REDS, II by the BLUES, and 5 by the INDEPENDENTS.

LABOR DAY EVENTS

Through rain and mud participants of the day's sports struggled to cop top awards. Winners of the day were:

Hole in one contest

$1.00 Ladies----Generosa Garcia
$1.00 Men-------Tony Mohia

Beely race

$2.00 1st.---------I. LeBlanc
$1.00 2nd.---------Generosa Garcia

Horseshoe contest

$3.00 Men--------Rendon, Gonzalez
$2.00 Ladies-----Miss Rives, Joyce

MIRACLE The MOVIES REVIEWS

Sept.11--Deanna Durbin, Franchot Tone, Robert Stack in "NICE GIRL"

Sept.13--Guy Kibbee, in "SCATTERGOOD BAINES"

Sept.15--Bob Hope & Dorothy Lamour in "CAUGHT IN THE DRAFT"

Sept.18-- Merle Oberon, Dennis Morgan in "AFFECTIONATELY YOURS"

Sept.20--Mickey Rooney, Kathryn Greyson, Ann Rutherford in "ANDY HARDY'S SECRETARY"

Sept.23--Robert Young and Virginia Gilmore in "WESTERN UNION"

Sept.25--Brian Aherne, Kay Francis in "MAN WHO LOST HIMSELF"

Sept.27--Geo. Murphy, Lucille Ball in "A GIRL, A GUY & A GOB"

Sept. 30--Bing Crosby, Dorothy Lamour and Bob Hope in "ROAD TO ZANZIBAR"

Oct.2--Jeffrey Lynn, Priscilla Lane in "MILLION DOLLAR BABY"

Oct.4--Spencer Tracy, Mickey Rooney in "MEN OF BOY'S TOWN"

Oct.7--James Steward, Paulette Goddard in "POT OF GOLD"

Oct.9-- Lon Channey Jr., Lionel Atwill in "MAN MADE MONSTER"

THE PACKAGE
By Bill Nolan

I picked up this package,
I can't figure out where,
But I know that I've got it
So why should I care.

I agreed to come to Carville
So I guess right here I'll stay
unless I take a notion to run away
some day.

I find that Uncle Sam's a nice
old man
Just as nice as he can be,
But they lied to me about Carville
It's not the picture they painted
for me.

They told me of swimming pools,
Ball games and golf out on the
green,
Of picnics and dances--you all
know what I mean.

Now don't misunderstand me,
It's not the worst place you
can be,
For some I guess it's paradise,
But it doesn't appeal to me.
Now I've been thinking lately
Of the good old outside,
Of Honky Tonks and Gyp joints,
Cause here it's rather mild.

And if this lonely feeling keeps
hanging on
I'm going through that hole
And it isn't going to take me long.
I guess they'll come and get me--
That's what I've been told--
But before such a thing can happen
I'll have some fun outside that
hole.

And when at last they find me
I know just what I'll say,
"Take me back to Carville without
delay.
Back to Carville where everyone
will say
That you can run away from Carville
But you cannot run away from
Leprosy."

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SCIENCE SPEAKS
Compiled by Joseph Ruano

DID YOU KNOW:

The milky way is not milky but is composed of millions of stars and cosmic dust and it is in the shape of a wheel with our sun and the nine planets a third of the way out from the hub or center.

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The star called "Sirius" is 2,000,000 times the size of our own "Ole Sol".

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The planet"Mars" which is visible in the North West in the constellation of Pisces will be brightest on October 3, 1941.

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The sun will be eclipsed on September 21, 1941. Total eclipse will be visible in China.

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The Patypus is Science's enigma because it has a bill of a duck, fur like a beaver, webbed feet, lays eggs, suckles its young, and swims like a fish and can live on land.

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A certain kind of glass now manufactured has nearly the elasticity of rubber and another kind of glass is used for the making of cloth.

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Light travels so fast it can go to the moon and back to earth in approximately 3 seconds.

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Many parts of an automobile such as the steering wheel, dash board, knobs,etc. is made from a bean called the soy bean imported from China.

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The ninety-two elements found on earth are present in vapor or gaseous state in our sun as proven by the spectroscope.

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The guinea pig is not a pig but a rodent and comes from South America. Neither they nor any likely ancestors exist in a wild state.

The library is now in its permanent home in the new Recreation building. If you have not been over to see it you are cordially invited to do so. It is open daily from 12 Noon until 2 P.M. We have added many of the books formerly in the Reading Room and this has swelled the total considerably. The daily papers and magazines are to be found in the Library. Tables, chairs,fans,ash trays, and ample lighting facilities are provided for your comfort. The Readers Digest is received monthly printed in Spanish, some papers, and an assortment of reading material for those that do not read English is on file.

Mortimer J. Adler in "How to Read a Book" says:"Reading is a basic tool. Those who can use it to learn from books, as well as to be amused by them, have access to the stores of knowledge. They can furnish their minds so that the prospect of hours spent alone is less bleak. Nor,in the hours spent with others, need they fear that hollow sound of empty conversation.Most of us find conversation dull. We seem to have little to say after the first few familiar topics are exhausted by the repetition of the same old remarks. The press and radio provide the topics. They are the same for the most part, and so are the commonplaces we utter in comment. That is why we turn to gossip and scandal, or give up conversation entirely for cards or movies.And if we can not talk to one another interestingly, what dull company we must be when we are left to ourselves."

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PERSONNEL PERSONALS

BY MARY BROWNE

A warm welcome to THE STAR!
May its gleams shine far,
Making friends for us,ever,
Which Time may not sever!

Vacation time is about at an end, for the youngsters on the station report to St. Gabriel High School on Friday, September 5th, for the 1941-42 school session. They are not as fortunate(?)as the children in the areas of Louisiana where the Army maneuvers are in progress, for there,the opening of the schools has been deferred until the beginning of October.

There will be one familiar face missing among the teaching force, for Professor Beenel answers Reveille each morning out in Camp Callen, California. He will be replaced by Miss Joyce Falcon,of White Castle.

Among the young folks of the station departing for school is David Gleason Jr.,who attends Gulfport Military Academy at Gulfport,Miss. Gloria Stanley expects to enter a New Orleans Hospital for a course in Nursing, shortly.

A deep, dark , inky-black happening of August - FINGER-PRINTING! All the employees of the station were finger-printed, and it was a "smudgy" affair, for all concerned.

P. J. Wilfred was back, visiting friends during the last week of August,and folks were glad to see him.

On Thursday evening, August 21st, at Oak Tavern, a big barbecue was given by way of celebrating the development of the St.Gabriel Oil Field. This is located some two miles or so back of the town of St. Gabriel, and there are now 10 producing wells in the field,with others being begun from time to time.Many people from the station, as well as from the countryside for miles around were in attendance. There was an abundance of free "eats"-beer, barbecued beef and buns. Reports have it that some 500 pounds of beef and 1000 buns were consumed during the evening.

During the month of August, came the PLEDGE CARDS,whereby each of the personnel was asked to pledge a regular purchase of Defense Stamps or Bonds, if they could, and would.

We have been advised that the Surgeon General's Office is quite pleased with the splendid response of the Personnel of this Station, for the Pledge Cards they submitted for future purchases of United States Defense Bonds and Defense Savings Stamps.

It's easy enough these days to pick out the boys who are going to enter Louisiana State University, for they boast shaved heads! They apparently hope for no delays in the opening of the University.

The afternoon bridge club was delightfully entertained on Friday, September 8th., by Mrs. F. A. Johansen.